IN THE NEWS

As this is being written and sent to the printer, HUSTLER magazine owner Larry Flynt lies critically wounded in a Georgia hospital, shot down by a would-be assassin. It's not unreasonable, we think, to surmise that this shooting is another link in the cover-up chain that leads back to Dallas. In the past couple months Flynt had taken out full-page ads in major newspapers across the country (including the Dallas Times-Herald) offering a reward of $1,000,000 (yes that's one million dollars) for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of JFK's real assassins. We feel the offer was a genuine one, and not some publicity ploy, since Flynt has assembled a panel of well-known researchers, including Mark Lane and Donald Freed, for the purpose of evaluating any evidence that may come in. We support Flynt in his turnaround from cynical jerk to courageous crusader, and wish him a full and speedy recovery. We hope he doesn't lose his nerve. Or his life.

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If you see Ed Epstein walking down the street, just walk on by. As a matter of fact, you better run like hell, because death is his golf partner. We reported in our second issue (GKG #2/3) that George deMohrenschildt had been meeting with Epstein a short while before deMohrenschildt allegedly committed suicide at his daughter's home in Florida. Now it has come to light that Epstein had also been meeting and arranging interviews with former FBI third-in-command William Sullivan. Then a funny thing happened. A young man mistook Sullivan for a deer and shot him dead (see GKG #5). And now it turns out that Epstein had been arranging interviews with Francis Gary Powers (of U-2 fame) until Powers' traffic helicopter crashed in the streets of Los Angeles, killing him. The unflappable Mr. Epstein is reported to be unconcerned, however, saying it is all coincidental, and anyway, he has interviewed plenty of people who haven't died. Yet.

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A recent UPI story tells how President Johnson, in 1967, told an aide, Marvin Watson, that he thought the Central Intelligence Agency was in some way connected with the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. Watson related this to the FBI's Cartha 'Deke' DeLoach, who filed a report on it for Hoover. And the whole thing recently turned up in the FBI's recent release of 80,000 plus pages of mostly innocuous data and blanked-out names and places.

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And speaking of stool pidgeons, the same FBI files reveal that former President Gerald R. Ford spied on the Warren Commission for J. Edgar Hoover, and that it was Ford's idea to do so, which throws some new light on how Hoover was able to head off new leads as soon as the Commission got onto them.

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Well, James Earl Ray has reportedly failed yet another lie detector test, this time for a TV pilot whimsically titled "The Truth With Jack Anderson". Also tested for the same show were fugitive financier Robert Vesco and actress Terry Moore, both questioned as to their relationships with the late Howard Hughes. The UPI story says "Ray failed miserably; Vesco passed partially (sic); Miss Moore passed."

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE MEDICAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FATAL SHOT by Jeff Hoyle

"An outside force acting on a body causes the body to accelerate in the direction of the line of action of force."

— Sir Isaac Newton's 2nd Law of Motion

What does Newton's 2nd Law of Motion have to do with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? The fact that it has been quoted on numerous occasions by critics of the Warren Commission Report in an effort to demonstrate a shot fired from in front of the President, and thus, a conspiracy.

The reason for its use is the reaction of the President to the fatal head shot. Instead of falling towards the left front, as one would suspect would happen if someone is struck by a bullet fired from the right rear, the President's head snaps violently backward, and to his left. (This can be seen very graphically in the Zapruder film.)

Dr. A.J. Riddle, assistant professor of physics at UCLA is quoted in the 1967 Welsh-Lifton study "The Case for Three Assassins" as saying, "The motion of Kennedy's body in frames 313 through 323 is totally inconsistent with the impact of a bullet from above and behind. Thus the only reasonable conclusion with the laws of physics is that the bullet was fired from a position forward and to the right of the President."[1]

The same Dr. Riddle is quoted once again on this matter by Josiah Thompson in "The Crossfire that Killed President Kennedy", and points out that when an object is hit by a projectile, it is given the motion that has the same direction of that projectile (Newton's Law). "At a shooting gallery, the ducks fall away from the marksman, not toward him."[2]

The words used in the 1967 articles cannot compare to the visual impact of what the writers were speaking of, and the American people got a look at it on national television in March 1975. Robert Groden, the photo-optical expert, appeared on Geraldo Rivera's "Goodnight America" (ABC) and brought with him his enhanced copy of the Zapruder film. The visual impact of the President's body moving so violently backward, at a speed calculated to be 100.3 feet per second per second[3], convinced an immeasurable number of viewers that the movement of JFK's body after the fatal shot was a result of a shot fired from the right front.

The motorcyclists riding escort on the left side of the Presidential limousine are cited as further evidence of a frontal head shot. Both officers, B.J. Martin and Bobby Hargis, were riding 5 feet to the left and approximately 8 feet to the rear of the car at the time of the fatal impact, and were splattered with blood and brain tissue as a result of the hit. This led Officer Hargis to believe that the shot had indeed come from the front. Hargis actually got off his cycle and led the chase up the grassy knoll in search of any gunmen.

The rear portion of the car was covered with the same debris, and a piece of the President's skull was found on the south side of Elm Street. Also, a majority of the witnesses questioned believed the shots had come from the grassy knoll area. (51% of those questioned by the Commission felt the shots had come from the knoll, whereas 39% named the Texas School Book Depository as the source of the shots.)

With the obvious discrepancy in the witness recollection on the source of the shots, we must turn to the medical evidence to shed some light, and possibly clear up this matter.

THE AUTOPSY

The autopsy of President Kennedy, which was later condemned by the American Academy of Forensic Pathologists as being so incomplete and sloppy as to be no autopsy at all[4], was performed at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland by Commander James J. Humes. He was assisted by Naval Commander J. Thornton Boswell and Lt. Col. Pierre Finck.

Their report described the President's head wound as follows:

> "The fatal wound (sic) entered the skull above and to the right of the external occipital protuberance... The projectile was fired from a point behind and somewhat above the level of the deceased."[5]

Normally the conclusions of the autopsy would settle any dispute over the direction of the shots, but there is much controversy surrounding this autopsy.

First, Commander Humes "destroyed by burning certain preliminary draft notes" related to the autopsy (see CE 397). Second, the FBI's autopsy report dated 11/26/63 is contradictory to the final autopsy report turned in by Humes et al. And third, there were many flaws in procedure and technique, such as the probing of a bullet wound with a finger, use of unorthodox reference points for measuring wounds, failing to cut the brain into coronal sections, and the fact that skin sections, photographs of these sections, and even the President's brain are missing from the Archives. (For further information on the flaws and missing autopsy materials see the works of Dr. Cyril Wecht cited in the footnotes.)

With so much room for dispute and disagreement in the original autopsy report, let us move on to other medical opinions.

THE CLARK PANEL REVIEW 1968

In February 1968, then Attorney General Ramsey Clark asked three pathologists and one radiologist to come to Washington and examine the autopsy materials. The Clark Panel met and examined this material February 26-27 of that year. Their report was not released until January 1969. This report described the President's head wound as follows:

> "One bullet struck the back of the decedent's head well above the external occipital protuberance. (p. 14)
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> "The foregoing observations indicate that the decedent's head was struck from behind by a single projectile. It entered the occipital region 25mm to the right of the midline and 100mm above the external occipital protuberance. (p. 12)
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> "Based upon the observations that he was leaning forward with his head turned obliquely to his left when this bullet struck, the photographs and the x-rays indicate that it (the bullet) came from a site above and slightly to his right." (p. 14)[6]

The conclusions of the Clark Panel, like those of the original doctors, indicate the fatal wound was fired from the rear, somewhat above the President.

But it is also important to note that although the doctors agree on the source of the shot, the wound's location on the President's head is different.

The Panel locates it "well above" and "100mm above" the occipital protuberance, not just "above and to the right" as described by the autopsy report. The wound is actually described as being 4 inches higher than the report stated, placing it high on top of the head.

But controversy surrounded this report, also, for not only were all the participants (Drs. William H. Carnes, Russell S. Fisher, Russell H. Morgan, and Alan R. Moritz) announced defenders of the Commission's Report[7], but also the fact that the findings of this Panel were not released until almost a year after the examination took place.

With two government studies released and almost in complete agreement on the location and source of the shots, people still had doubts, and the cry of "cover-up" continued.

THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION

The latest government report dealing with the medical evidence related to the head shot was released in June, 1975. This was the report of the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States, headed by then Vice-President, Nelson Rockefeller.

A review of various materials including the films, bullets, bullet fragments, photos and x-rays was conducted by the Panel members who submitted separate reports of their findings.

According to the report, they were unanimous in their finding that:

> "The President was struck by only two bullets, both of which were fired from the rear. There is no medical evidence that the President was struck by any bullet coming from any other direction."[8]

This third government report, which was in unison with the original report, and the Clark review, joined its predecessors in coming under fire for varying reasons, such as: (1) David Belin, an Assistant Counsel to the Warren Commission, and one of the chief defenders of its findings, was named Executive Director of the Rockefeller Commission, a move many felt demonstrated the government's lack of interest in clearing up the controversy. (2) the Commission used the testimony of Dr. Alfred Olivier, a veterinarian who had also testified before the Warren Commission, on the backward movement of the President's head. The Rockefeller Report stated that Dr. Olivier and his associates had conducted "extensive tests" on the effects of high velocity bullets fired into live animals.[9] But this was later refuted by Mark Lane in the introduction to his reissued Rush to Judgement. According to Lane, Dr. Olivier stated in an interview that he never conducted such tests.[10] (3) Dr. Cyril Wecht claimed the report seriously "misrepresented" and "distorted" his testimony in connection with the medical and scientific evidence. (4) Dr. Werner Spitz, an expert who examined the material at the request of the Rockefeller Commission, co-authored a textbook with Dr. Russell Fisher, a member of the 1968 review panel.[11]

On three separate occasions the government has given "official" medical versions of the assassination. On three occasions those government reports have been carefully scrutinized by the watchful eyes of independent researchers, who have discovered some very valid, well-documented reasons for doubt and criticism.

THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINATIONS

In 1972 Burke Marshall, the acting representative of the Kennedy family estate, allowed the first persons outside of government auspices to examine the x-rays and photos related to the Kennedy assassination.

Dr. John Lattimer, chairman of the Department of Urology at Columbia University Medical School, was allowed to inspect the materials, and he concluded that the Warren Commission was correct: Kennedy had been struck by only two bullets, both fired from the rear. His conclusions were much expected by students of the assassination, as Lattimer had published works prior to his examination in which he had defended the Commission's conclusions. Researcher Harold Weisberg, author of the WHITEWASH series, immediately attacked Lattimer's conclusions, noting that Lattimer was not a forensic pathologist, but rather a urologist, a science, Weisberg notes, that "progresses no higher in the body than the navel."[12]

Dr. Lattimer also testified before the Rockefeller Commission in 1975 that there was no medical evidence to support a theory that the President had been hit by a bullet from any direction other than the rear and above.[13]

Also in 1972, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, former president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and the coroner of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, became the first independent forensic pathologist to examine the autopsy material.

In his report, which concentrated more on the "single bullet theory" than on the head shot, Dr. Wecht concluded that the Kennedy case was "unsolved", and the single bullet theory "implausible" and "scientifically untenable."[14]

He speculates on the possibility of a second assassin, most likely firing from the rear, but leaves the door open for a possible shot from the grassy knoll. His reason for this "equivocation" is based on the first impressions of the doctors at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, who first described the throat wound as one of entrance.

In a second report on his examination of the autopsy materials, written with Robert P. Smith, then director of research for the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Dr. Wecht spoke strongly against any head shot(s) from the front or right front:

> "The availible evidence, assuming it to be valid, gives no support to theories which postulate gunmen to the front or right front of the Presidential car. The wound in the President's head, as evidenced in the autopsy photographs and x-rays, can only have been fired from somewhere to the rear of the President. If any other bullet struck the President's head, whether before, after, or simultaneously with the known shot, there is no evidence for it in the availible autopsy material."[15]

And in conclusion, Wecht and Smith state, "So far as the available medical evidence shows, all shots were fired from the rear."[16]

OTHER EXAMINATIONS

Dr. James Weston, Chief Medical Examiner of the State of New Mexico, examined the autopsy material at the request of CBS for its 1975 series "The American Assassins". Dr. Weston, then President-elect of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, said he was willing to "stake his reputation" on the belief that Kennedy was hit by two bullets only... both fired from the rear.[17]

Another former president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Dr. Robert J. Joling, wrote in the Saturday Evening Post in December, 1975, that there is no medical evidence "to support the claim that anyone was shooting at the presidential limousine from the front or from the grassy knoll area. Repetitive reviewing of the Zapruder film does not lend credence to any claim that the President received a frontal or side head shot."[18]

ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS

What seems clear is that medical opinions, of both government-sponsored examinations and examinations by independent researchers, have all agreed on one thing: that the head shot came from the rear.

There has been much to criticize in the autopsy, in the year delay in the release of the Clark Panel review, and in the misrepresentations of testimony by the Rockefeller Commission. But even Dr. Wecht, one of the most respected critics of the Warren Report, and his collegues from the Academy of Forensic Sciences, Drs. Joling and Weston, agree that there is no evidence of a frontal head shot.

But what of some of the circumstantial evidence of such a shot? What of the cyclists who were riding to the left rear of the President? What of the trunk of the limousine? And what of the slamming movement of the President's body after the hit?

Let us examine once again these claims, and see if in fact they, too, are proof of a shot fired from the right rear.

(1) The two motorcyclists riding to the left rear of the limousine were splattered on their LEFT sides, that is, the left sides of their windshields and helmets, etc. This would seem to indicate that they were hit by the impact of the falling debris. If they were hit with debris as a result of a shot fired from the right front, it should appear on the RIGHT side of their uniforms.

(2) The rear portion of the car was also covered with matter, but Governor and Mrs. Connally and Secret Serviceman Roy Kellerman also testified about falling debris. It seems clear that particles were thrown in both directions. This does not indicate a double hit; a bullet passing from the rear to the front can throw particles in both directions. (Itek Corp. film analysis for the 1975 CBS show "The American Assassins" stated that computer analysis of the particles "showed all trajectories in a forward direction and no particles going backward." Itek's findings also seem to indicate debris to the rear of the President was the result of falling matter.)[19]

(3) The piece of skull found on the south side of Elm Street, often mentioned as evidence of a frontal shot, was actually found, according to R.B. Cutler, 37 yards ahead and to the left of the point of impact.[20] Other factors which discredit a frontal head shot are (a) the lack of damage to the left side of the skull, where there should have been an exit wound if the shot came from the right front and (b) the lack of damage to Mrs. Kennedy, who was in the direct line of fire from the right front.

(4) Many reasons have been advanced to explain the backward snap of the President's head: "Neuromuscular reaction", "jet

effect", the President's back brace, and even Mrs. Kennedy, who had both hands on the President at the time of the fatal shot, and may have contributed in some way by her "shoving away" at the moment of impact.[21]

But another plausible explanation of the backward movement deals with the location of the wound itself.

The President was leaning forward, head turned toward his left, when he was struck 25mm to the right of the midline and high (100mm above the occipital protuberance) on top of his head. Clearly a glancing blow, the high point of impact on the leaning skull, produces a spinning effect. A hit on the high, right side produces a spinning to the left, just as can be seen on the film.[22]

It seems evident that the tangental blow, coupled with the medical reasons already put forth, can well explain the movement of the President's head, without the destruction of Newton's Second Law of Motion.

Examination of the medical evidence by qualified doctors, defenders, and critics of the report alike, and examination of the physical facts as we know them, all indicate a conclusion that many critics of the Warren Commission may find difficult to accept: that the President was killed by a shot fired from the rear, and somewhat above the limousine.

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THE OTHER CHEEK by J. David Truby

It breaks my heart to report that the House Select Committee on Assassinations is going to lie to the American people. By the time you read this they may have already done so.

I have it on the best authority from an insider that the honest investigation was subverted when Dick Sprague was forced out and the fix was in.

My source tells me the House Committee is going to announce there was no conspiracy to kill John F. Kennedy and close its doors to the truth. There is a conspiracy and it exists today.

The American public, I feel, knows there is a conspiracy behind Kennedy's murder. From my standpoint as a rational and careful investigative journalist I know there is a conspiracy. The hard evidence proves it -- factually, truthfully and beyond doubt.

The House Committee could have easily told you the truth. Yet, it appears, they will not. The pressures are too big from too high up. The invisible government that really calls the shots for our puppet leaders has the fix in. Their coup will continue to be covered by "official" whitewash.

I had placed as much faith as I, a tarnished idealist, could muster in the Committee. The original staff investigators were good people. The chief "cop" was Richard A. Sprague, a hardnosed and honest man. He didn't last long. The Washington "system" poisoned them off, and the power group replaced the honest ones with more puppets.

I have just today corroborated all this with a former staff investigator, an insider who is too big and classy a person to spill sour grapes. What this person told me is a gut-felt truth.

"The American people are going to be sold out by the Committee of gutless wonders," I was told point-blank. "The fix is in. Some people are pulling some strong strings. They don't want the truth to come out officially."

Just before writing this column I called another insider, a deep source I rarely contact so as to preserve our relationship. I had left this source alone because I didn't want to cause any sort of personal interference on

his honest investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Today, I broke that pledge and we talked.

He totally confirmed the worst, the American people will again be lied to.

"They're going to say Oswald acted alone, which is an absolute crock of shit," the source told me. "The top staff made all the investigators sign an oath of silence. They did this before we knew a new coverup was in progress. Now, they've got us by the short hairs."

I cannot believe the men behind Kennedy's murder could be so cynical and so arrogant as to risk yet another coverup. They must be very sure of their absolute power.

My source agreed. "I suspect they are counting on the fact they have the media snowed and that the average American has a short memory. But, the truth remains, John Kennedy's murderers not only walk free, they now rule us."

I asked him the big question, "Who is the 'they' we're talking about?" I already knew; I wanted to hear his answer.

There was a lot of long silence on the other end of the long distance line.

"Take a run through the roster of the top people at the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg meetings, the really top men in oil, Hughes, crime, the CIA. There's where you'll find the masterminds of the entire conspiracy.

"They are the only ones with the total means, motive and method to pull off a successful coup and to seize control of the government of this country as they did."

Then, my friend said something that bothered me even more, because it was exactly what I was thinking.

"I am never going to trust anyone of authority in this country ever again."

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"NOBODY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE WE'RE IN;

NOBODY SEEMS TO THINK IT ALL MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN."

--from "One Hundred Years From Now" by Gram Parsons

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DEALEY PLAZA BREAKDOWN #4: DID THE CIA KILL CARLOS PRIO? by David Miller

Reprinted from Yipster Times

The April 5 "suicide" of former Cuban President Carlos Prio Socarras at his Miami Beach home may have been the latest in a series of Central Intelligence Agency murders of CIA-connected individuals with links to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and assassination attempts upon Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Prio, Cuban President from 1948 to '52, allegedly shot himself, then sat down upon his chair in his garage before dying. However, sources in the Miami Cuban exile community report an absence of blood upon the chair: it would have been virtually impossible, moreover, for Prio to shoot himself, then walk over to the chair.

There was no suicide note, and the official explanation for the alleged suicide--depression over Carter Administration efforts to reach detente with the Castro regime--appears to be an implausible motive. At the time of his death the 73-year-old Prio was working with militant anti-Castro groups such as CORU (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations, an umbrella organization comprised of the National Liberation Front of Cuba, Accion Cubano, Movimiento 17 de Abril, and Association of Veterans of the Bay of Pigs), and his son-in-law Alfredo Duran was head of the Democratic Party in Florida and a member of the "Brigade 2506" group of Bay of Pigs veterans.

According to 1964 testimony before the Warren Commission, Prio and Jack Ruby were business partners in a Havana gambling house and collaborated with Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis in transporting weapons during the 1950's to Fidel Castro, and to anti-Castro exiles after Castro deposed Batista in 1959.

There is no evidence of a direct link between Prio and George deMohrenschildt, though the two were friends of Houston businessman Jean deMenil, supplier of weapons for the CIA-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. In 1956, Prio, deMenil and Castro were given money to purchase the yacht "Granma", which was converted into a troop transport and used to launch Castro's successful revolution. In 1955, Frank Sturgis had begun clandestine night flights into Cuba for Prio, who agreed to provide Castro with arms and money in exchange for Castro's promise to return him to office after the overthrow of Batista. In 1958, Prio was indicted on charges of violating the U.S. Neutrality Act and received a sentence of two years' probation after pleading guilty. According to a document on page 650 of Volume XXVI of Hearings before the Warren Commission, Carlos Prio worked with Robert Ray McKeown and Jack Ruby "in attempting to assist Castro in his revolutionary action against the Batista regime in Cuba."

Prio's defendants included Orlando Garcia Vasquez (a Miamian also known as "Ramos") and Francisco Gonzales Obregon, a.k.a. "T. Gonzalez." According to Volume XXIV of Warren Commission Hearings, "Ramos" was one of the anti-Castro Cubans residing at the Hotel Comercio in Mexico City when Lee Harvey Oswald stayed there in September, 1963. "T. Gonzalez" accompanied

Oswald on a 1963 bus trip from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico.

In 1960, after Castro announced he was a "Marxist-Leninist", Prio and deMenil furnished arms and transportation to anti-Castro exiles via the Schlumberger Corporation, a French company. During the Algerian revolt of the French generals in the 1950's, Schlumberger received from an American surplus ammunition that was stored in a Houma, Louisiana blimp base.

Cuban exile Sergio Arcacha Smith and a U.S. pilot named David Ferrie (who had trained Lee Oswald in the Civil Air Patrol in 1956) shipped this surplus ammunition to 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, for eventual use at the Bay of Pigs. Receiving the ammunition at 544 Camp Street was an ex-FBI agent, W. Guy Bannister, leader of the "Anti-Communist League of the Caribbean"; at the same address was Lee Oswald's one-man pro-Castro group, the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

One of Schlumberger's shipping points for arms destined for Cuba was Islamorada in the Florida Keys where Jack Ruby, according to Volume XXVI of Warren Commission Hearings, was witnessed running guns as early as 1958.

A December 1, 1963, FBI document states that in the 1950's

> "Jack Ruby held interest in the Colonial Inn, a nightclub and gambling house in Hallandale, Florida... Ruby, then known as Rubenstein, was active in arranging illegal flights of weapons from Miami to the Castro organization in Cuba... Ruby subsequently left Miami and purchased a substantial share in a Havana gambling house in which one Carlos Prio was principal owner."

In 1961, Prio became involved with a number of CIA-funded Cuban exile groups plotting the overthrow of Fidel Castro. When CIA agent E. Howard Hunt established the "Cuban Revolutionary Front" in Miami, the CRF's titular leader was Tony Varona, former Prime Minister of Cuba under Carlos Prio. Other CRF officers included Justo Carrillo, President of the Bank for Industrial Development under Prio, and Aureliano Sanchez Arango, Carlos Prio's Foreign Minister.

Prio worked closely with Sergio Arcacha Smith, who shared an office with W. Guy Bannister at 544 Camp Street, and later became the New Orleans delegate to the "Cuban Revolutionary Council", another organization with which E. Howard Hunt was associated. Arcacha Smith was also a leader of the "Cuban Revolutionary Democratic Front", organized by Hunt, created and supported by the CIA.

In 1962 Arcacha Smith and David Ferrie trained Cuban exiles at a CIA operated secret camp near New Orleans for an abortive invasion of Cuba. In the spring of '63, Jean deMenil brought Arcacha Smith to Houston to work with Prio, Robert Ray McKeown and the CIA-funded "Free Cuba Committee". The New Orleans director of the "Free Cuba Committee" was Carlos Bringuier, who in 1972 headed "Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew". Another FCC officer, Loran Eugene Hall, was recently named by Dutch journalist

Willem Oltmans as having received a 1963 offer of $50,000 to kill President Kennedy.

During the third week of October, 1963, Margaret K. Hoover of 105 South Walnut Street, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, located three items belonging to Dr. Julio Cesar Fernandez in the dry leaves directly beneath her upstairs porch. Dr. Fernandez, a Martinsburg high school teacher and a neighbor of Mrs. Hoover at 400 E. Allegheny Street, had been Cuban Minister of Information under Carlos Prio.

Fernandez' lost items were an envelope used for tickets from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company of Miami, used ticket number D-214332, and a throwaway advertisement.

On the back of the throwaway, pencilled in the upper left hand corner, were the name of the club and a six-digit number. In the top middle of the page the name "Lee Oswald" was written.

The name "Rubenstein" was on the right top of the page, and "Jack Ruby" was written in the middle of the page.

On the bottom of the page were written the two words "Dallas, Texas"--the home of Jack Ruby's Carousel Club and the site of the murders of John F. Kennedy and Lee Harvey Oswald.

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BOOK REVIEWS: HITS YOU MISSED by J.W. Burke Jr.

THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD (NO AUTHOR LISTED) SCREENPLAY BY ROBERT E. THOMPSON; NEW YORK: ACE BOOKS, NOVEMBER 1977; 181 PAGES, $1.95.

The only reason we're mentioning this is that books of this sort can go out of print very quickly, so you collectors take note, if it's not too late already. Just thought we'd mention it.

ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY BY DR. GERALD KURLAND; CHARLOTTEVILLE, NEW YORK: SAMHAR PRESS, 1973, 32 AND 31 PAGES, $0.98.

These are junky, poorly-written summations of the official story lines, with a poke or two at the critics thrown in for good measure. The former was No. 2 in a series named "Great Events of our Times"; by the latter, (No. 10 in the series) it had changed to the less ghastly "Events of our Times". The entire series is edited by one D. Steve Rahmas of Columbia University, if that means anything to anybody.

THE ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY BY LEROY HAYMAN; NEW YORK: SCHOLASTIC BOOK SERVICES, 1976, 156 PAGES, $0.85.

This is another "kiddie" survey of the Kennedy assassinations that fares much better than Kurland's travesties, published by the people who put out Senior Scholastic and Junior Scholastic, and is well-written and attractively packaged. The author says in closing

> "The co-conspirators may have been kooks, like Oswald or Sirhan. On the other hand, they may have been government men, American or foreign, or other high-ranking figures.
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> "That is why, in another sense, the Kennedy family has no right to stop the investigations. More may be at stake than the deaths of the two brothers, tragic as these losses were. The safety and security of the United States itself may be involved.
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> "That is why many responsible people feel the search must go on."

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY BY LUCAS WEBB; SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA: BORGO PRESS, 1976, 47 PAGES, $1.95.

This is a science-fiction novella with a delightful twist to reality: Connally is shot and killed after he and the President changed places because of Kennedy's back problems, and Kennedy is wounded. Thoroughly enjoyable. And the cover is beautiful.

REASON WHY PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS MURDERED BY WILLIAM H. ZIB; NEW YORK: CARLTON PRESS, 1976, 30 PAGES, $3.95.

This 30-page hardcover (the introduction begins on page 7 and the text on page 11) has to be seen to be believed. The author, a retired man living in Florida, blames the murder on something called a "White Man's Council", and says "I am writing this on the basis of a movie I saw years ago which showed how the Mafia gang operates."

SEVENTY-SIX SECONDS IN DEALEY PLAZA BY R.B. CUTLER; BOX 1465, MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01944, FEBRUARY, 1978, 115 PAGES, MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS, $12.00.

We saved the best for last, and we only wish we had more space to devote to this extremely important book. Basically, it's a continuation of the work the author began in his last book, The Umbrella Man, in which he gradually came to the conclusion that the "Umbrella Man" seen in many photos next to the Stemmons sign was actually an assassin, who fired a pellet-type projectile from a sophisticated weapon disguised as an umbrella, and which may have also carried some kind of poison that could account for the President's seeming "freeze". Sound far out? Sure it does, but if you read this book, you'll come away a believer. Cutler builds his case to perfection.

Cutler's strong point is also his weakest one: he refuses to compromise his style by "talking down" to the reader, but you'll love it nevertheless.

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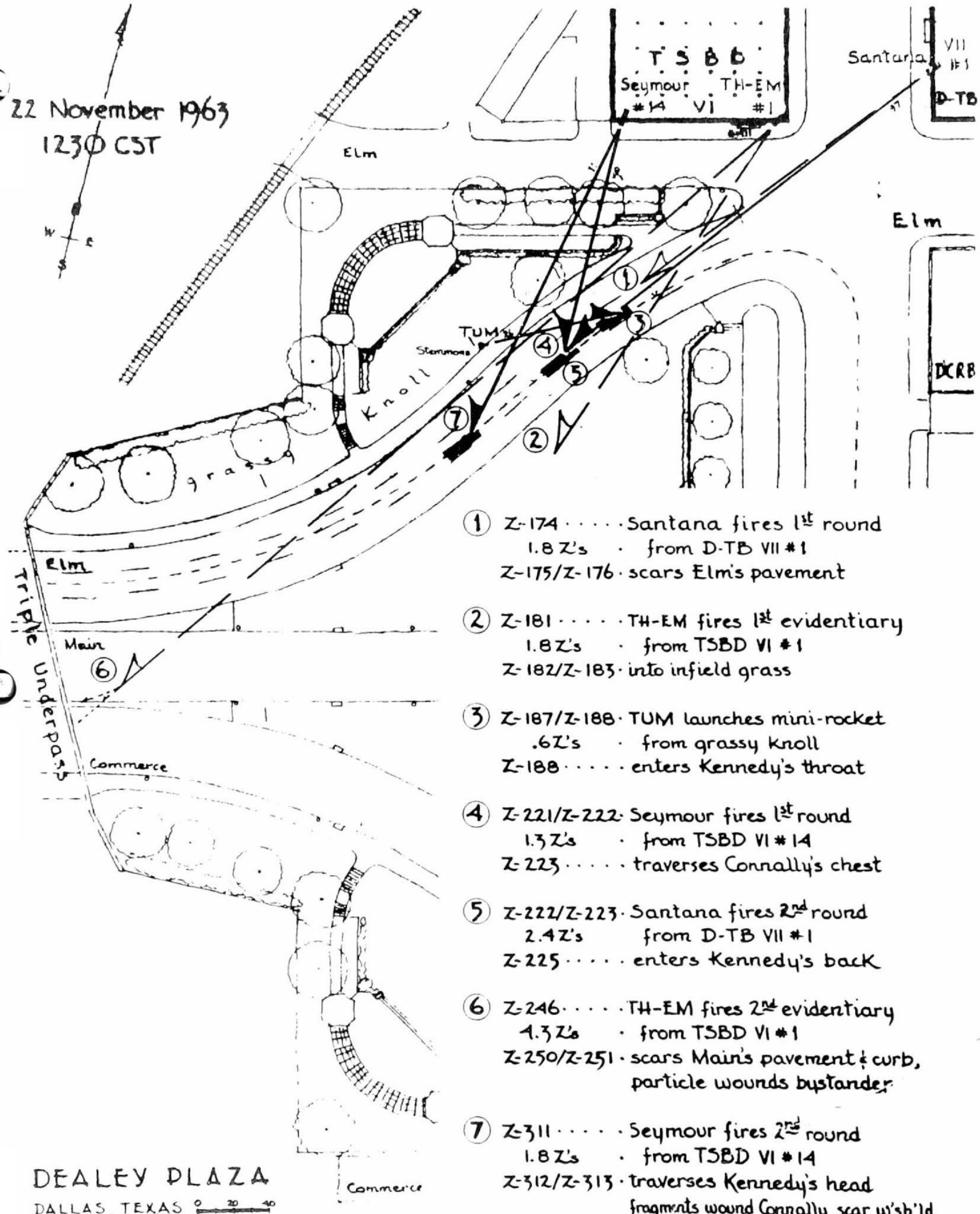

① Z-174 · · · · · Santana fires 1st round
1.8 Z's · from D-TB VII #1
Z-175/Z-176 · scars Elm's pavement

② Z-181 · · · · · TH-EM fires 1st evidentiary
1.8 Z's · from TSBD VI #1
Z-182/Z-183 · into infield grass

③ Z-187/Z-188 · TUM launches mini-rocket
.6 Z's · from grassy knoll
Z-188 · · · · · enters Kennedy's throat

④ Z-221/Z-222 · Seymour fires 1st round
1.3 Z's · from TSBD VI #14
Z-223 · · · · · traverses Connally's chest

⑤ Z-222/Z-223 · Santana fires 2nd round
2.4 Z's from D-TB VII #1
Z-225 · · · · · enters Kennedy's back

⑥ Z-246 · · · · · TH-EM fires 2nd evidentiary
4.3 Z's · from TSBD VI #1
Z-250/Z-251 · scars Main's pavement & curb, particle wounds bystander

⑦ Z-311 · · · · · Seymour fires 2nd round
1.8 Z's · from TSBD VI #14
Z-312/Z-313 · traverses Kennedy's head fragments wound Connally, scar w'sh'ld

Figure #5

NIGHTMARE OF POLITICAL INTRIGUE DEPT.:

INNER BRASS: THE UNAUTHORIZED INTELLIGENCE UNIT, WHOSE SECRET MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SOME OF THE HIGHEST RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEETS.
THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY BUREAU MUST BE ELIMINATED, AND HIS FILES DESTROYED TO PREVENT FURTHER ABUSES.
THUS BEGINS A NIGHTMARE OF POLITICAL INTRIGUE WHICH BEFORE IT ENDS WILL SEE...
THE MURDER OF NUMEROUS PROMINENT AMERICANS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF INNER BRASS ITSELF.
FRANK BOLZ 2-6
THE UNRAVELING OF A KOREAN WAR GENOCIDE CONSPIRACY.
AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF BEST-SELLING AUTHOR PETER CHANCELLOR IN A PLOT TO SUPPRESS FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN FREEDOMS IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

A correspondent from Waco, Texas informs us that the cablevision system there went blank on all the Dallas channels for the duration of RUBY and OSWALD, then service as usual. The local channels in Big D reportedly suffered the same "fate", so the cable was not at fault. It all started in Dallas, partner. No explanation from the stations. This raises some very thought-provoking questions. Was it coincidence, or conspiracy? Or maybe a crude attempt a censorship? If the last, why? And why weren't we so lucky in these parts?

Readers are asked to reflect back to the Ford - Carter debates, when the sound (on ABC) mysteriously went dead as Jimmy uttered the magic word "CIA", and miraculously returned just as soon as he had finished a long spiel about the intelligence community. Well, funny things happen in this world, buddy. You jest lay yourself down rat cheer on this comfortable couch. That's fine. Now, when did you first start having these unusual thoughts . . . . . .

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